

1 **ABSTRACT**

2 Systems, methods and data structures are described for attaching a digital
3 signature to a web page and authenticating the digital signature before allowing
4 the web page to invoke a software control on a computer that has downloaded the
5 web page. Unauthorized users cannot gain access to a control on a computer
6 through a web page that is downloaded to the computer, if the source of the web
7 page or application cannot be authenticated or is not a trusted source.

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